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MEMORANDUM FOR: Gen. Bacalis

1. As you requested, I have reviewed the minutes of the ExCom minutes with [redacted] 25X1A to determine whether there are identifiable instances where casual comments have evolved into official policy as a result of not being challenged or clarified.

2. The only item of specific application to OSA programs concerned the IDEALIST "collocation study" conducted during the past year. At the meeting on 23 November 1966 a casual comment was made concerning the BOB's suggestion for such a study; there was no action by the ExCom and apparently little if any discussion. The minutes of the meeting stated that BOB had mentioned the possibility. However, DNRO treated the matter as if it had been endorsed by the ExCom. Funds which had already been approved in the FY 67 budget for specific line items (notably the avionics shop building at [redacted] 25X1A were frozen until the study was conducted and the BOB agreed to the building. However, the matter was not referred to the ExCom again and the resolution was accomplished through Dr. Flax. [redacted] NRO 25X1A and [redacted] It might be noted that [redacted] NRO 25X1A is now promoting "single management". NRO 25X1A

3. One other example which did not result in "indirect policy" might be cited because it might mislead the members of the ExCom. The briefing notes prepared by NRO/Compt for the ExCom meeting last Friday contained several statements which were debatable, and which, since they were not challenged, could be regarded as factual. One example was the estimate that it would cost [redacted] 25X1A per month to operate OXCART if it is continued beyond December. We believe that the figure is closer to [redacted] 25X1A which is a difference of more than [redacted] 25X1A per year. The statement would also lead to the impression that the project could be continued on a month-to-month basis, which is not the case. Almost NRO 25X1A

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invariably the NRO cost estimates for the Agency programs are higher than actual costs. For example, the FY 67 NRO budget for OXCART was [redacted] whereas the actual obligations were only [redacted] The briefing notes for the meeting this month also included certain statements about the U-2R procurement which would require interpretation. There was an inference that the Agency had [redacted] in unprogrammed requirements, and that this was the result of poor planning. In fact, the Agency can manage its requirements within the original IDEALIST and U-2R presentations, and the unprogrammed requirements were almost entirely for the SAC portion of the U-2R procurement.

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